

Witnessing for Christ

By THE ARMY MOTHER

A SAFE GUIDE

Commit thou all thy griefs
To His sure trust and tender care
Who Heaven and earth commands:

Whom winds and clouds thy course,
Whom winds and seas obey;
He shall direct thy wandering feet,
He shall prepare thy way.

Thou on the Lord rely,
So safe shalt thou go on;
Fix on His work thy steadfast eye,
So shall thy work be done.

No print canst thou gain
By self-consuming care;
He himself thy cause, His ear
Attends the softest prayer.

Thy everlasting truth,
Father, Thy ceaseless love,
See all Thy children's wants, and
Knows
What best for each will prove.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Have no fellowship with
the works of darkness.
This is the condemnation,
that light is come into
the world, and men loved
darkness rather than light,
because their deeds were evil.
Ye should show forth the
praises of Him who hath
called you out of darkness
into His marvellous light.

HOW TO BE SAVED

Repent and forsake sin.
Ask God, for the sake of the
Saviour who died for you, to
forgive your wrong-doing and to
cleanse your heart.
Go forward, watching and pray-
ing, trusting God, and growing in
grace.
Remember, the devil will try to
lead you into sin again, but God is
able to keep you from falling, or to
restore you, so if you should in
an unguarded moment give way to
the enemy.

TO PARDON A REBEL!

Seeks Salvation in His Pri-
son Cell Through the Singing
of an Army Song.

"For me?" muttered the convict;
"for me? He died! I'm not worth
it!"

For a few moments he sat in deep
contemplation, and then, bursting
into sobs, threw himself on his hard
stone floor, pleading with God to
pardon his sin.

"Bang! bang! bang!" The distant
drum had brought him quickly up-
right. Music, coming nearer, close
to the walls of the prison; it was
the Salvation Army Band, and it was
the pictures of a prosperous
man in a little country town.

Every Sunday evening, he
settling out to take up his du-
ties as organist at the church, he
went to the local Army Band.

Oh, the intervening years!
What glass he drank; the rapidly-
acquired habit; loss of trade; his
business; break up of his
marriage; separation from his loved
one; stamping, as a common beg-
gar, down to town; and finally
the crime which had made him a
convict.

Haunted by his reverie, he heard
in a strong tenor voice—
"Come, ye prisoners, rebel like me!
There they were, placed on their
saddles, a rebel like me!"

AGAIN and again the same voca-
tion and commission is bestowed
upon the Apostles and disciples. In
the end of the earth and to the end
of time this commission comes down
to every one of the Lord's own, for
He says: "Go ye into all the world
and preach the Gospel to every crea-
ture, and lo, I will with you al-
ways, even unto the end of the world."
That embraces us. And to every
disciple who has preceded, or is to
follow us, is promised His Divine
Presence in this glorious work of
testifying for Him.

World in Revolt

God needs witnesses in this world.
Why? Because the whole world is
in revolt against Him. The world
has gone away from God. The
dicta His testimony, misrepresents
His character, government, and
purpose, and is gone off into utter
anarchy and rebellion.
Now, if God is to keep any hold
upon man at all, and have any influ-
ence with him, He must be repre-
sented, and He must be represented
in some way. There was an other
way of doing it. If you get a
province of this realm in anarchy
and rebellion, unless there be a party
in the province to represent the
King and the Government, it will go
down for ever: there must be a party
to represent the rightful sovereign,
God must be represented, and
faithful witnesses from the begin-
ning until now.

Came to Reveal

But Jesus Christ the Son, the
well-beloved of the Father—He was
the great witness. He came espe-
cially to manifest, to testify, and
to reveal the Father to men. This
to testify of Himself, but of His
Father; not that the words His Father
gave Him to speak. He came to re-
veal God to men. He was the great

witness. And when He had to leave
the world and go back to the Father,
then He commissioned His disciples
to take His place, and to be God's
witnesses on earth. And, Oh, friends,
God's real people are His only wit-
nesses. He will not allow angels—
we do not know why—to witness for
Him here. He has called man in
to witness for Him—His people—"Ye
are My witnesses."

The Lord commissioned, then,
His disciples to be His witnesses,
and He said—Oh! beautiful words,
and yet how much they involve
which few understand—"As Thou
hast sent Me into the world, even so
send I thee into the world." Even
Thou hast sent Me to be
spend and to be spent for Thee, and
to shed My Blood for Thee. If neces-
sary, so send I thee; and so He did
send them, and they had just the
same fare as their Master, and many
were faithful witnesses, and they
went forward and testified every-
where.

Controversy Going On

Now, the fact that witnessing is
necessary shows that there is con-
troversy going on in the world as to
the things and claims of God—that
there are two sides to this, as to
every other case. The great mass of
men, they say it virtually, if they do
not say it in words, and many dog-
matisers, and say there is no need
of any witness, and say there is
Heaven nor Hell—that Jesus Christ
was a mere man—that religion is a
myth, and that there is no such
thing as the knowledge of forgive-
ness, and that there is nothing of a
grand defusion, and that there is
nothing of the kind!

Now, Christ calls His people to
do and be witnesses to these facts.
Witnesses, you know, must deal
with facts, not theories—must not
what they think and believe merely, but
what they know. Now, God wants

His people to witness to facts—
to something that has been done, and
is being done—something that is
and continues to be facts.

No Misrepresentation
He wants us to be good wit-
nesses, too, Oh! how important that
Christ's witnesses should fairly and
truly represent Him and His dis-
ciples. If they misrepresent Him,
somebody is sure to be damned
through their misrepresentation—
Oh! to have the blood of souls upon
our skirts. To misrepresent a man,
or woman, or child, is bad enough,
but to misrepresent God—to show
Christ—to say to people, virtually,
the Lord has said: this is the religion
of Jesus Christ—the religion of
"what I am." I say, such a man
hanged about his neck and been
drowned in the depths of the sea.
There would, then, be no more of his
mischievous; but a false witness for
on the face of the earth. He does
more harm than a thousand false
earthly witnesses.

The more a witness is supposed to
know of the truth to which he testifies,
the greater his responsibility. Look
at the awful things God says
about them that lead His people into
sin, carrying more about the
mother to be a bad witness in her
family, and in take her little child
dren, clinging on to her skirts, right
to the edge of the pit. For a mas-
ter to be a bad witness, to be a bad
to be a Christian, and to be a bad
day school teacher to be a bad in-
consistent, false witness of Jesus
Christ in his class; for members of
Christian Churches to be bad wit-
nesses to one another, and to the
world; who can tell the awful
results?

Lowered the Standard

Oh, it is this inconsistent wit-
nessing that has lowered and low-
ered the standard of practical
Christianity till we have not got any
standard left—till the land is not
so obliterated that there are not any
to be seen.

Faithful witnesses! He wants us
to be faithful witnesses.

INFLUENCING HIS PARENTS

Our most recent convert is a
lad who got soundly converted six
months ago, but his parents would
not allow him to go near the Army.
However, his conversion has influ-
enced them that they altered their
minds, with the result that Deputy
Bandmaster James got hold of him
and taught him to manipulate a con-
net. He is now a help on our second
corner. Thank God for the power
of influence, when it will turn per-
sons from darkness to light—Austrian
"Bandman and Songster."

OUR TEMPLE

The temple we build. We Chris-
tians are called by God to help in
building for His name a spiritual
temple composed of living stones (1
Peter 2:5), who as a royal priesthood
(Rev. 1:6) shall offer continually the
incense of prayer and thanksgiving,
and the spiritual sacrifice of body
and soul, wholly consecrated to His
service (Rom. 12:1)—The Zealand
"War Cry."

THE CLUTCHING HAND—As seen by
the British "War Cry."

THE GREAT VICTORY!

Substance of an Impressive and Moving Address, in Connection with the Recent Brilliant National Demonstration
at Clapton, London, England, Delivered by THE GENERAL

POWERS AND PRINCIPLES THAT WILL TRANSFORM HUMAN LIVES—JESUS CHRIST THE WORLD'S SAVIOUR

I THINK you will agree with me that this
meeting is significant in a remarkable way
of many aspects of the national life of our people
at this time. Here are gathered with us
those who in some way represent the religious
forces at work amongst us—the philanthropic
work which is going forward, the educational
efforts which are being made, the municipal,
the military, the naval authorities, and representa-
tives also of that wider interest which is specially
associated with the Empire and the allied na-
tions. I feel it is significant, too, that such a
representative gathering should be assembled, if
only for a short moment, under the Banner of
The Salvation Army.

STIRRING FOR GOOD

Looking at you thus, I feel, if you will let me
say so, that you are a symbol of a great na-
tional awakening which the war has undoubtedly
brought about amongst our people. There is no
doubt there are many directions in which that
awakening may proceed further with great ad-
vantage, while in others we have not yet seen
such an arousing of the public conscience and
such a turning to God as some of us had hoped
for. But, nevertheless, there is a great stirring
for good amongst our people. Now, when I say
that I am thinking chiefly of this, that the Na-
tion seems to have discovered powers and prin-
ciples within itself of which before it had only a
very dim perception, or a very doubtful hope.
Let me remind you of one or two.

First, there is the awakening to the power and
strength which abide in a great purpose. I think
perhaps nothing has been more wonderful in
this war than the unity which it has brought
about amongst all parties, and the subordination
of so many of the interests which before the war
broke out were thought to be dominant interests.

WONDERFULLY DISCOVERED

I say, further, the nation has discovered in a
wonderful way the power of some forces within
itself of which before it had not thought very
much. There has been a great arousing as to
the value of religion. In my judgment, there
has never been any great enterprise in the
world's history in which religion has played so
wonderful a part. I know quite well the melo-
dious condition of many of our people—how
sad has been the experience of the millions of
splendid men who have gone up for this great
struggle yet I say, when you come to look at
the roots of action, and search out the sources
from which devotion and sacrifice spring, there
has probably never been a great strain put upon
any people to which there has been such a
response before the War of God.

FELT GOD WANTED THEM

As for The Salvation Army, I believe that in
thousands—yes, I think I might add in tens
of thousands—of cases, the men have taken
great struggle and gone out with their lives
in their hands because they felt God wanted them
to do it; gone forth after prayer and waiting on
Him in days and nights of agony; gone out in
His help and trusting His blessing. And I feel
also that the Nation has found in another direc-
tion unexpected resources in the service and
devotion of its women. The Salvation Army
has a fine record in this, for we have always held
that woman's service was as valuable as that of
man in the scheme of life, and that this is God's
plan. And now this war has shown as pur-
poses nothing else could have shown what the force
and power of woman's skill and woman's devo-
tion and woman's sacrifice have been. So I stand
here to-day and I raise my hat, I take off my

shoes on the ground which I feel has been made
holy by the love and service and devotion of the
mothers and sisters of our people.

Also, we have remembered as a nation some of
the victories of the past. They have been called
to mind, and they have helped us.

And then I think you will agree with me that
the nation has seen in a new way the power of
sacrifice for a future gain. There never has been
such a willing pouring out of treasure, over
such a willing giving up of the life of our people.
The nation has seen in a marvellous way the
power of sacrifice to cleanse its thoughts and to
lift its hopes to higher and nobler things. I
have been deeply impressed in moving about the
country by the scenes I have witnessed at the
railway stations. It is often my lot to be in one
or other of the great termini in the midnight
hour. I see the sights there—some melancholy
sights, enough to break a good man's heart when
he witnesses them. But many sights also that
bring home to me the depth, the magnificence,
of the sacrifice our people are making.

FAITH IN TRIUMPH

Again, we see here an example of the power
of faith in victory. From the King down—you
know the King has a part to play, and you have
a King who has a heart (you ought to pray for
him that he may be sustained and kept in the
part he has undertaken)—it has been the hope of
their faith in ultimate triumph that has sustained
our people.

Now, if I had time I might play the part of a
glorified fortune-teller, as it were, and look at
"the hands" of the concern and "tell" what the
prospects are. But that is not my object in stand-
ing here; it is rather this, to ask you whether
there may not be some of the great powers to
be found in the individual that have been found
in the Nation? Would not a great purpose give
strength to accomplish something in your lives
here to-day? If there should come into your
soul the ambition for righteousness by your life,
if you were to dedicate yourself to that purpose,
would not that be a mighty strength for you and
help you to turn away from the petty and the
selfish and the narrow and devote yourself to
some great thing for the blessing of others? Was
not this one of the great facts of Jesus Christ's
life? Was it not said of Him that "He endured
the Cross and despised the shame, looking for
the glory which was to be revealed?"

WILL TO VICTORY

May I not say, also, as I said of the Nation,
that there are forces in you that you have not
thought much of? Especially do I mean your
will. Oh, here is one of the great facts in this
conflict! The will of the German nation is this
will to victory, and the answer always is that
the will of the British nation is to victory; and
what sustains the German nation is this will to
victory, and what will sustain the British nation,
and the Japanese nation, and the French nation
is the will to victory. And it is true, Oh, if
your will were some over on to the side of
righteousness against your personal foe; if you
were to say, "I will never again bow willingly to
the dominion of what is evil, of what is false,
of what is impure, of what is a chaste, of what is
unfair!"

I do not know you, or very little of you. It
may, with one, be strong drink, or it may be
some unclean passion; it may be some love of
what is base, it may be some hate of what is good,
or the wronging of some weak woman who has
come into your power; or it may be with you the
conquering of the things of God. I say, whatever

it is, if you will only stand upright, as the Scrip-
ture we read said, and fight against it, you shall
find in yourself resources of which you know
very little, which will come to your help.

POWER OF SACRIFICE

And then I said the power of sacrifice is
mighty in the Nation. Would not it be so in
you? If some within the sound of my voice to-
day were to say that pleasure shall go, and this
gain shall be given up, and that ambition shall
be abandoned, and that sin shall be cut off, then
will begin the grand conquest of yourself, and
having conquered yourself, all other conquests
will be open before you. I know some of you
have already made sacrifices for the Nation—
some of you have given up boys, some have
given your husbands, some have given your lov-
ers, some of you men have given something as
precious as life itself. I know! I praise God for
it! I honour you for it! But you remember what
Edith Cavell said when going to her death
or see particularly is not enough—to love my
country and sacrifice myself for my country—I
must have something higher than that; I
love my God and sacrifice for my God. "If you
will call that power out, you shall find in your
sacrifice the path to conquest, and faith and love
shall follow in its train.

And I spoke of the force of faith in
"Ah, we shall win!" It is in my heart to tell you
the weakest of you, no matter what the foe
be, or have done—your selfishness, your weak-
ness, your cold, irreflexive nature, your weak, un-
willing will—there is victory for you; by
cleansing of the Blood of Jesus you shall
more than conquer.

VICTORY OVER SELF

My heart goes out to you all. I speak to
Salvationists here; I speak to some of you
are going away, to some of you just com-
ing, with the blood-mark on you. We are glad
to see you. I say it to the nurses here who
struggling so freely to do all they can. I say
those representing the Municipal Authorities,
the Authorities of the Nation—we are an or-
der and admire those set in authority over
—and I say to these friends of ours from Japan
and Japan—Oh, I say to you all—this is
the victory; the victory over yourselves.
The Nation is confident of victory. Yes, and
the war there will be great victories—victories
over many domestic evils, over the poverty,
the drink traffic and the miserable poverty,
the sweating and horrid crime that stalks
our cities, and the removal of the want
poverty under which we have suffered. We
our splendid people suffer. We must win
victory. But, after all, this will be the
victory for you—the victory over yourself,
triumph over your own foes; that is the
conquest.

MADE OF ONE FLESH

I congratulate you on this fine meeting.
I praise God for the representation we have
of the great unity of our own people, and of
love and sympathy we feel for all the nations
of the world. We are angry with the Germans
for we know what has brought about this ter-
rible conflagration; but we know also that Jesus
Christ, our Saviour, is the Saviour of the
world, that He made of one flesh all the na-
tions and redeemed them by His One sacrifice.
We look for the day when the standards of
shall be raised and righteousness shall
amongst the peoples of the earth, God
to come soon.

